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SUBJECT: SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN PURCHASING
DIVING EQUIPMENT

REF: CAIRO 6009

1. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM SCA CHAIRMAN MASHOUR ENCLOSING LIST OF URGENTLY NEEDED DIVING EQUIPMENT FOR EGYPTIAN DIVERS ENGAGED IN SUEZ CANAL CLEARANCE. MASHOUR ASKS THAT USG ATTEMPT TO ACCELERATE PROCUREMENT OF THIS EQUIPMENT TO ENSURE CONTINUATION OF CANAL CLEARANCE OPERATION, PARTICULARLY DIVING SUITS WHICH ARE BADLY NEEDED IN WINTER. SCA, HE ADDED, IS PREPARED TO PAY COSTS IN CASH. LIST OF EQUIPMENT IS SET FORTH BELOW AND COVERS SCA, EGYPTIAN NAVY AND POLICE, ALL OF WHOM ARE INVOLVED IN CURRENT DIVING EFFORT.

NEEDED DIVING

EQUIPMENT SCA NAVY POLICE TOTAL

DIVING APPARATUS -- 70 50 120

DIVING MASK 6 60 30 96

JET FINS 6 52 30 88

WET DIVING SUIT

TWO PIECES 6 50 80 136

OUTBOARD MOTOR 40 HP -- 10 -- 10

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RUBBER ZODIAC -- 17 -- 17

MOBILE COMPRESSOR -- 6 -- 6
SPARE PARTS FOR DIVING APPARATUS, MOTORS
AND COMPRESSORS

2. ADMIRAL CARROLL AFFIRMS MASHOUR'S LIST OF DIVING
EQUIPMENT IS IN FACT NEEDED FOR THE CLEARANCE EFFORT. HE WILL
WITH MY APPROVAL, OFFER TO PUT MASHOUR IN TOUCH THROUGH
COMNAVINSWARLANT WITH APPROPRIATE MANUFACTURERS OF
SUCH EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE PROCUREMENT AND SHIPMENT.
SUCH DIRECT CONTACT MIGHT OPEN THE DOOR FOR FUTURE SCA PURCHASES
FROM AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS. SHOULD ABOVE PROCEDURE NOT BE
FEASIBLE, WE WILL EXPLORE OTHER MODALITIES, INCLUDING PURCHASE
BY COMNAVINSWARLANT WITH SUBSEQUENT DOLLAR CHECK
REIMBURSEMENT BY SCA.
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